

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC SENATE

*Minutes of the Meeting*  
*January 10, 1988*

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### ATTENDANCE

1.1. *Members Present.* Anderson, Bandstra, Bethel, Breault, Carey, Chaffin, Cook, Coon, Devlin, Doneth, Ferdowski, Frank, Gillette, Groner, Hanson, Hardman, Henry, Janzen, Johnson, Johnston, Linta, Lovsted, Maas, Matrosic, Murray, Nerbonne, Oldfield, Payton, Pearson, Peterson, Pomnichowski, Ravell, Russell, Sickelsteel, Spagnuolo, Stich, Valas.

1.2. *Members Absent.* McNabb, Shansky (excused).

1.3. *Guest.* Vice President Nash.

### CALL TO ORDER

2.1. President Oldfield called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Territorial Room, Rankin Center.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. The minutes of the December 6 meeting were approved as presented.

### FACULTY FORUM

4.1. Senator Pearson requested that the Senate debate and ultimately take a position on the Board of Control's decision to fund the Conference Center through tax exempt bonds. He noted that many of his colleagues feel that the Senate's position will be very important when it comes to contractual discussions in the future.

4.2. Senator Pearson queried whether the Senate could ask the Board of Control to publicly explain why it did not follow the procedures outlined in its own affirmative action policy in both the advertising of the position for university president as well as the movement of Ms. Joyce Hawkins from Director of Human Resources and Development to her present "Women in Technology" position, a position that was neither posted nor advertised.

4.3. Senator Peterson commented on the December 6 Board of Control meeting, noting that he felt the Board's decision to finance the Conference Center, while not entirely palatable, was the only viable alternative.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *Academic Vice President Nash*

5.1. Nash reported that January 10 is the deadline for the submission of materials to the Office of Academic Affairs in the process of Academic Program Review.

5.2. Nash noted the variety of campus activities marking the observance of Martin Luther King Day.

5.3. Nash announced an open discussion session on the subject of budget initiatives, Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. in IRC 001.

*Senate President Oldfield*

6.1. Oldfield reported that the ad hoc Conference Center Advisory Committee is reviewing the proposed guidelines for Conference Center use and he invited comments and suggestions from any interested parties.

6.2. The Student Academic Affairs Council will meet on January 16.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*University Curriculum Committee*

7.1. Pomnichowski reported that the following curricular items are currently being considered by the U.C.C. and its Councils:

- a. HST 285, History of Sports in America
- b. Changes in Requirements for the PGM program
- c. Vocational Child Care and Guidance Certification program
- d. Change in PH 516, Product Development II
- e. Office Automation Systems Four-Year Degree proposal

7.2. Pomnichowski announced that revisions have been made in the Curriculum Planning and Procedures Manual and input is now being sought from the Councils. It is hoped that the revised Manual will be in place by February.

*Senate Appointments Committee*

8.1. Chair Matrosic reported that the next Senate newsletter will include reports from various university-wide committees under the Senate's jurisdiction.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Proposed Bachelor of Science in Public Relations*

9.1. Linta moved to approve the proposed Bachelor of Science in Public Relations as recommended by the University Curriculum Committee. Maas supported. Motion carried.

*Proposed Visual Communication A.A.S./B.S. Degree Entrance Requirements*

10.1. Doneth moved to extend first-reading acceptance to the proposed entrance requirements for the A.A.S./B.S. program in Visual Communications. Hardman supported. Motion carried.



*NEW BUSINESS*

*Presentation of Curriculum Proposals*

**11.1. Pomnichowski moved that the Senate invite the initiators of all major curriculum proposals to make a three-minute presentation to the Senate in support of their respective proposals and to be present during the Senate deliberation to answer questions. Cook supported.**

11.2. Discussion followed in which Carey observed that such presentations seemed superfluous in light of the extensive approval process. Gillette and Ravell noted that bringing proposal initiators to the Senate meeting could prove valuable in maintaining open lines of communication between the Senate and its constituency.

**11.3. Doneth moved to call for the question. Motion carried.**

**11.4. Main motion carried.**

*Mission and Role Statement Revision*

**12.1. Valas moved to accept the revision to the Mission and Role Statement as recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee. Gillette supported.**

12.2. The revision in question restored the term "open admissions" as desired by the Board of Control, yet still retained the spirit of the original by noting that "available resources" must necessarily restrict open admissions. Several senators expressed the opinion that the revision represented a reasonable compromise.

**12.3. Motion carried.**

*Substance Abuse Task Force*

**13.1. Ravell moved that the Senate appoint a Substance Abuse Task Force to review the status of substance abuse control on campus. Bethel supported.**

13.2. It was noted by several that the problem is lack of adequate funding--currently only two personal counsellors are employed to serve the entire student body. Murray noted that the administration has been reluctant to provide further funding because it claims there is not adequate documentation to suggest that more personnel are needed in the counselling area. Linta expressed the opinion that the documentation indeed does exist--and has for some time--and that the problem is that the administration simply does not see substance abuse counselling as a high priority item. Vice President Nash said that if he had to make the decision, he would choose another faculty position over an additional counselling position.

**13.3. Motion carried.**

*FACULTY FORUM*

14.1. There were no further issues raised at this time.

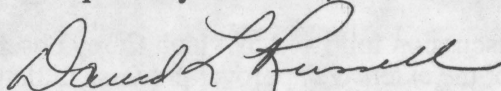
*NEXT MEETING*

15.1. The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 1989, in the President's Room, Rankin Center.

**ADJOURNMENT**

16.1. President Oldfield declared the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David L. Russell  
Secretary

Approved:

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